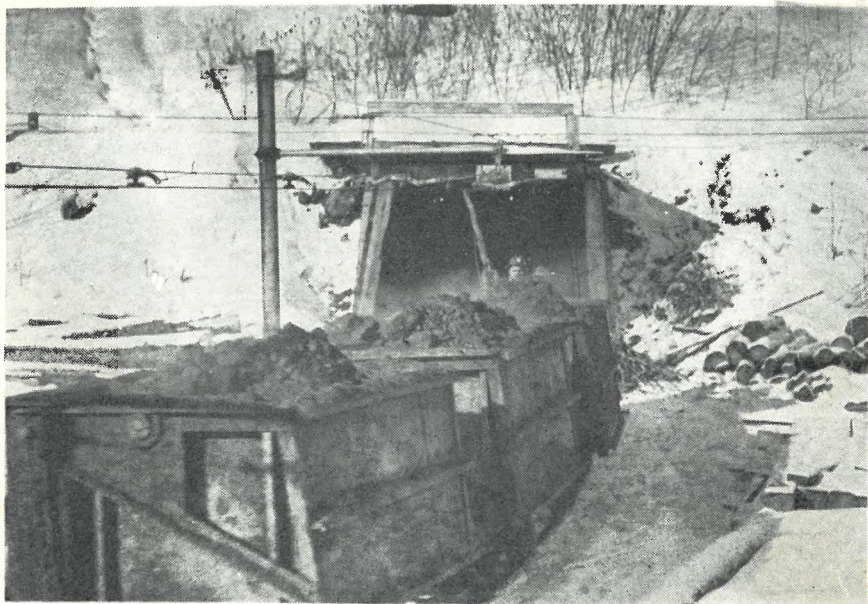


Brown George H.
Sharon Vt R.F.D.



ENTRANCE TO MAIN ADIT AND NUMBER 3 SHAFT ELIZABETH MINE
VERMONT COPPER COMPANY, INC. SOUTH STRAFFORD, VT.

Annual Report
of the Town and Town
School District

January 1, 1952, to December 31, 1952

STRAFFORD - VERMONT

CHARTERED AUGUST 12, 1761

"A man of a right spirit is not a man of narrow and private views but is greatly interested and concerned for the good of the community to which he belongs, and particularly of the city or town in which he resides, and for the true welfare of the society of which he is a member."

Jonathan Edwards

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WARNING FOR TOWN MEETING

(As Anticipated Jan. 12, 1953)

The legal voters of the Town of Strafford are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Town House in Strafford on Tuesday, the 3rd day of March, 1953, at 10:00 o'clock A. M. to act on the following articles:

- Art. 1. To elect a Moderator.
- Art. 2. To elect a Town Clerk.
- Art. 3. To hear and act on the report of the Auditors.
- Art. 4. To vote upon the question: Shall the Selectmen be empowered to appoint one or two Road Commissioners, or shall one or two Road Commissioners be elected by ballot.
- Art. 5. To elect all other necessary officers.
- Art. 6. To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of the Vermont Statutes relating to the collection of Taxes by its Treasurer, together with the time of payment of the same, and the rate of discount and fee for collection allowed.
- Art. 7. To see how much money the Town will raise to support the poor, defray ordinary expenses and bridge and highway expenses, under the direction of the Selectmen. 2.15
- Art. 8. To see how much money the Town will raise for the maintenance of back roads or unselected roads. 30
- Art. 9. To see how much money the Town will raise for selected highways. 15
- Art. 10. To see how much money the Town will raise for patrol and resurfacing to take advantage of the State Aid laws. ya
- Art. 11. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to borrow money during the year when necessary to properly conduct the business of the Town. ya
- Art. 12. To vote on the following questions:
 - Shall lincenses for sale of malt and vinous beverages be granted in this Town?
 - Shall spirituous liquors be sold in this Town?

AUDITORS' REPORT

In accordance with Section 3593 V. S. as amended, we have verified the existence of stated cash balances, and examined the accounts and records of town officers, and to the best of our knowledge the following financial statements and reports of receipts and disbursements present the financial position of the town as of December 31, 1952, and an accurate record of funds handled in the year then ended.

C. WILLIAM BERGHORN
ROBERT H. ORDWAY
JAMES W. STEVENSON
Auditors.

Report of the Town of Strafford, Vermont

GENERAL FUND

COMPARATIVE FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Two-Year Period Ending December 31, 1952

Assets

| | Dec.31,1952 | Dec.31,1951 |
|-------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Unexpended Balances | | |
| General Account | \$ 1,625.48 | \$ 8,395.99 |
| Permanent Highway Account | 403.62 | 722.05 |
| Community Building Account | 78.94 | 51.44 |
| Library Account | 10.40 | 16.94 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| | \$ 2,118.44 | \$ 9,186.42 |
| Delinquent Taxes | 2,624.42 | 2,226.08 |
| Due from State-Received after audit | 12,078.60 | |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| | \$16,821.46 | \$11,412.50 |

Liabilities

| | | |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Notes outstanding | \$25,200.00 | \$20,225.00 |
| (\$5,000.00 paid after audit) | | |
| Community Bldg. Unexpended Income | 78.94 | 51.44 |
| Library Ac't, Unexpended Income | 10.40 | 16.94 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| | \$25,289.34 | \$20,293.38 |
| Deficit | \$ 8,467.88 | \$ 8,880.88 |
| Decrease in Deficit | | \$ 413.00 |

STATEMENT OF TAXES RAISED — 1952

Taxes Levied:

| | |
|-------------------------------------|-------------|
| Real Estate - \$420,660.00 at 1% | \$ 4,206.60 |
| Personal Property \$62,333.00 at 1% | 623.33 |
| | <hr/> |
| Total General Property | \$ 4,829.93 |
| Poll Taxes - 318 at \$1 | 318.00 |
| | <hr/> |
| Grand List | \$ 5,147.93 |

Taxes Billed:

| | |
|---------------------------------------|-------------|
| General Property \$4,829.93 at \$6.70 | \$32,360.53 |
| Polls 318 at 6.70 | \$ 2,130.60 |
| Old Age Assistance 318 at 3.00 | 954.00 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$35,445.13 |

Accounted for as follows:

Collections:

| | |
|------------------------------------|-------------|
| General Property | \$29,706.79 |
| Polls and Old Age Assistance (284) | 2,678.12 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$32,384.91 |

Discounts:

| | |
|------------------|-------------|
| General Property | \$ 1,237.68 |
| Polls (284) | 76.68 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$ 1,314.36 |

Delinquents:

| | |
|------------------|-------------|
| General Property | \$ 1,416.21 |
| Polls (34) | 329.80 |
| | <hr/> |
| | 1,746.01 |

Fractional Differences

| |
|-------------|
| \$35,445.28 |
| <hr/> |
| .15 |
| <hr/> |
| \$35,445.13 |

TAXES VOTED AND DISTRIBUTION OF COLLECTIONS

| Account | Rate | Voted |
|-----------------------------------|------|-------------------|
| General: | | |
| Town | 2.15 | \$11,068.05 |
| Firemen's Association | .10 | 514.79 |
| Bridge Account — Sect. 5149 V. S. | .10 | 514.79 |
| Highway: | | |
| Town Highway | .45 | \$ 2,316.57 |
| Permanent Highway | .45 | 2,316.57 |
| School | 3.45 | \$17,760.36 |
| | 6.70 | \$34,491.13 |
| Old Age Assistance 318 | 3.00 | 954.00 |
| | | <hr/> \$35,445.13 |

PROPERTY OWNED BY TOWN

List furnished by Selectmen and not included in assets

| | |
|--|-----------|
| Sawyer Forest | \$ 500.00 |
| Community Building | 1,500.00 |
| Jas. S. Morrill Fund (Income for use for Permanent Highway Purposes) | 3,300.00 |
| Town Garage | 400.00 |
| Jas. S. Morrill Fund for Community Bldg. U. S. 2½% Series G War Savings Bonds | 1,100.00 |
| Road Machine | 100.00 |
| Three Snow Plows | 500.00 |
| Chevrolet Truck | 750.00 |
| Dodge Roller | 200.00 |
| Tractor and Plow | 3,000.00 |
| Grader | 5,000.00 |

TREASURER'S REPORT

STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

1952

| | General Fund | School Fund. |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| Cash on hand in and Bank, | | |
| Unexpended Balances Dec. 31, 1951: | | |
| General Account | \$ 8,395.99 | |
| Permanent Highway Acc't | 722.05 | |
| Community Bldg. Acc't | 51.44 | |
| Library Acc't | 16.94 | |
| School Account | <u>\$ 9,186.42</u> | \$ 6,268.41 |
| RECEIPTS: | | |
| Taxes - Current | \$14,624.55 | \$17,760.36 |
| Delinquent and Abated | 1,350.74 | |
| State of Vermont: | | |
| Forest Fires \$12.30 in 1951 Receipts | — | |
| Indigent Persons | 85.20 | |
| Porcupine Bounties | 221.50 | |
| State Aid Road Retreatment | 1,973.36 | |
| Winter Road Maintenance | <u>2,576.00</u> | 4,856.06 |
| Department Social Welfare | 600.00 | |
| Education, State Aid | | 11,152.29 |
| Borrowings: | | |
| Barrett Memorial Hall Trustees | \$12,000.00 | |
| First Nat. Bank, White River Jct. | 18,000.00 | |
| Montpelier National Bank | 5,000.00 | |
| Morrill Memo. Library, Trustees | 4,200.00 | |
| National Life Ins. Co. | 4,500.00 | |
| Newton Fund Trustees | <u>4,000.00</u> | 27,200.00 |
| Dog Licenses | 278.75 | |
| Lease Land Rent | | 79.22 |
| Local Welfare, George Cole | 99.00 | |
| Town of Rochester | <u>94.50</u> | 193.50 |

TREASURER'S REPORT — (Continued)

| | General Fund | School Fund |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Materials and Services: | | |
| Benjamin, Geo. C, Truck Body | | 20.00 |
| Old City Comm. Club, Dictionary | | 36.24 |
| Robinson Brothers, Gravel | 22.30 | |
| Robinson, Ralph, use of Town Truck | 4.00 | |
| Sargent, A. L. Use of Town Truck | 14.00 | |
| Vershire, Snow Work | 21.00 | 61.30 |
| | <hr/> | |
| Newton Fund, Trustees | | 400.00 |
| Scale Fees: | | |
| Varney, Geo. I. | | 6.95 |
| Transferred Funds: | | |
| Special Road Acc't | 229.50 | |
| State Aid Road | 858.34 | |
| Dublin Corner | 45.95 | |
| Back Roads | 627.27 | 1,761.06 |
| | <hr/> | |
| U. S. Treasury - Morrill Bonds | 110.00 | |
| Vermont Copper Co. Tyson Bridge | 296.15 | |
| | <hr/> | |
| | \$60,525.48 | \$56,216.52 |
| Grand Total | | \$116,742.00 |

DISBURSEMENTS:

| | |
|---|--------------|
| Selectmens' Account (See Page 13) | \$35,905.09 |
| Poor Account (See page 24) | 4,624.57 |
| Back Road Account (See Page 20) | 6,319.85 |
| Winter Road Account (See Page 22) | 4,090.17 |
| Town Highway Account (See Page 21) | 2,569.96 |
| Permanent Highway Account (See Page 23) | 4,690.86 |
| Library Account (See Page 26) | 206.54 |
| School Fund (See Page 43) | 49,230.62 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$107,637.66 |

TREASURER'S REPORT — (Continued)

| | General Fund | School Fund |
|--|-----------------|----------------|
| Unexpended Balances, Dec. 31, 1952: | | |
| General Account | \$ 1,625.48 | |
| Permanent Highway Account | 403.62 | |
| Community Building Acc't | 78.94 | |
| Library Account | 10.40 | |
| School Fund | 6,985.90 | |
| | <hr/> | 9,104.34 |
| | | \$116,742.00 |

The town has no bonded indebtedness.

SELECTMEN'S ACCOUNT

ANALYSIS OF DISBURSEMENTS

January 1, 1952 to December 31, 1952

| | | |
|------------------------------------|--------|------------|
| 1. TOWN OFFICERS' SERVICES: | | |
| Auditors (3) | 74.88 | |
| Clerk | 512.25 | |
| Constable | 52.00 | |
| Health Officer | 57.40 | |
| Listers (3) | 240.00 | |
| Selectmen and Overseers Poor (3) | 150.00 | |
| Treasurer | 368.90 | |
| | <hr/> | \$1,455.43 |
| 2. Election EXPENSE: | | |
| Town Meeting | | 22.00 |
| 3. TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE: | | |
| Supplies and Equipment | 65.25 | |
| Repairs | 10.00 | |
| | <hr/> | 75.25 |
| 4. MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS: | | |
| Town House | | |
| Clock - Care | 25.00 | |
| Mowing Common | 34.00 | |
| Community Bldg. | | |
| Repairs | 10.32 | |
| Library | | |
| Maintenance and repairs | 132.70 | |
| | <hr/> | 202.02 |
| 5. INSURANCE: | | |
| Community Bldg. | 37.44 | |
| Grader, Liability | 99.00 | |
| Town House | 74.00 | |
| Truck, Chevrolet | 73.60 | |
| | <hr/> | 284.04 |
| 6. PRINTING: | | |
| Town Reports | 191.44 | |
| Tax Notices and Receipts | 29.75 | |
| Order Blanks | 4.50 | |
| Election Forms | 14.57 | |
| Notice in Newspaper | 1.35 | |
| | <hr/> | 241.61 |

SELECTMEN'S ACCOUNT — (Continued)

7. TAXES:

| | | |
|-------------------------------------|--------|----------|
| County Treasurer | 101.91 | |
| State Treasurer, Old Age Assistance | 858.60 | |
| Vermont Agri. Extension Service | 156.64 | |
| | <hr/> | 1,117.15 |

8. INTEREST PAYMENTS:

| | | |
|-----------------------------------|--------|--------|
| Barrett Memorial Hall Trustees | 360.00 | |
| First Nat. Bank, White River Jct. | 40.97 | |
| Morrill Mem. Library Trustees | 126.00 | |
| Newton Fund Trustees | 120.00 | |
| | <hr/> | 646.97 |

9. INDEBTEDNESS PAYMENTS:

| | | |
|-----------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Barrett Mem. Hall Trustees | 12,000.00 | |
| First Nat. Bank, White River Jct. | 2,000.00 | |
| Morrill Memo. Library Trustees | 3,600.00 | |
| Newton Fund Trustees | 4,000.00 | |
| Ross, Mabel G. Ross Estate | 625.00 | |
| | <hr/> | 22,225.00 |

10. TELEPHONE AND ELECTRICITY:

| | | |
|------------------------------------|--------|--------|
| New England Telephone and Tel. Co. | 61.71 | |
| Cent. Vermont Public Service Corp. | 793.29 | |
| | <hr/> | 855.00 |

11. FIRE DEPARTMENT:

| | |
|-----------------------|--------|
| Firemen's Association | 514.79 |
|-----------------------|--------|

12. GAS - OIL - MAINTENANCE:

Road Equipment:

| | | |
|-------------------------|--------|--------|
| Purchase - Snow Plow | 150.00 | |
| Truck Repairs and Parts | 240.50 | |
| Bulldozer repairs | 141.26 | |
| Snow Plow repairs | 25.72 | |
| Truck registration | 20.00 | |
| | <hr/> | 577.48 |

13. CIVIL DEFENSE:

| | | |
|------------------------------------|-------|-------|
| Observation Post-Labor & Materials | 1.55 | |
| Telephone | 30.80 | |
| Fuel | 14.00 | |
| Electricity | 8.98 | |
| | <hr/> | 55.33 |

SELECTMEN'S ACCOUNT — (Continued)

14. ROADS:

| | | |
|-------------------------------------|----------|----------|
| State Aids Gas Tax Work (see p. 18) | 5,300.18 | |
| Culverts | 55.57 | |
| Dublin Corner (see p. 17) | 688.07 | |
| Tyson Bridge (see p. 19) | 963.02 | |
| | | 7,006.84 |

15. MISCELLANEOUS:

| | | |
|-----------------------------|--------|-------------|
| Care of Dump | 125.50 | |
| Counsel | 75.78 | |
| Kill ane test dog | 14.00 | |
| Physician | 5.00 | |
| Rent for doctor | 21.00 | |
| Trucking | 1.65 | |
| Sheep killed in 1951 | 150.00 | |
| Porcupine bounties | 221.50 | |
| Tax Abatement | 11.25 | |
| Plainfield N. H. Town Clerk | .50 | |
| | | 626.18 |
| | | \$35,905.09 |

SELECTMEN'S ACCOUNT

1952 DISBURSEMENTS

| | |
|------------------------------------|-----------|
| Auditors (3) | 74.88 |
| Barrett Memorial Hall Trustees | 12,360.00 |
| Bassingthwaighe, Geo. | 26.82 |
| Brick Store | 1.55 |
| Capital City Press | 1.90 |
| Cassellini Venable Corp. | 25.72 |
| Cent: Vermont Public Service Corp. | 802.27 |
| Chelsea Job Press | 14.57 |
| Clerk | 512.25 |
| Clifford, Wm. | 7.05 |
| Coburn, Frank | 79.45 |
| Constable | 74.00 |
| County Treasurer | 101.91 |
| Department of Industries | 4.50 |
| Durkee, James | 150.00 |
| Eastburn, W. E. | 2.00 |
| Elliott, Dr. W. J. | 5.00 |

SELECTMEN'S ACCOUNT — (Continued)

| | |
|---------------------------------------|----------|
| Farm Bureau Insurance Co. | 73.60 |
| Firemen's Association | 514.79 |
| First National Bank, White River Jct. | 2,040.97 |
| Gibson, John | 653.38 |
| Haggett Press | 191.44 |
| Health Officer | 57.40 |
| Hill Martin Corp. | 141.26 |
| Hunters, Porcupine Bounties | 221.50 |
| Kendall, Homer | 125.50 |
| Kendall, Gile | 12.00 |
| Listers (3) | 240.00 |
| Morrill Memo. Library, Trustees | 3,826.00 |
| Motor Vehicle Dept. | 20.00 |
| New England Tel. and Tel. Co. | 92.51 |
| Newton Fund Trustees | 4,120.00 |
| Office Supply Co. | 8.75 |
| Office Supplies | 39.90 |
| Perkins, M. C. | 133.92 |
| Perkins, Ralph | 24.12 |
| Pixley, Grover | 34.00 |
| Prescott, R. K. | 329.08 |
| Ross, Mabel G. | 625.00 |
| St. Johnsbury Trucking Co. | 1.65 |
| Sargent, A. L. | 150.00 |
| Selectmen and Overseers (3) | 150.00 |
| Sleeper, Milo | 235.44 |
| State Aid and Gas Tax Road Work | 5,300.18 |
| State Aid Dublin Corners | 688.07 |
| State Treasurer - Old Age | 858.60 |
| Tax Abatement | 11.25 |
| Thurber, E. W. | 29.75 |
| Titus, Byron | 16.72 |
| Town Clerk, Plainfield, N. H. | .50 |
| Treasurer | 368.90 |
| Turner, Mrs. E. W. | 21.00 |
| Tuttle Stationery Co. | 14.70 |
| Vt. Agricultural Exten. Service | 156.64 |
| Vermont Concrete Pipe Corp. | 55.57 |
| White River Valley Herald | 1.35 |
| Wilson and Keyser | 75.78 |

\$35,905.09

DUBLIN CORNERS-SPECIAL ACCOUNT

RECEIPTS:

| | |
|-------------------------------------|--------------|
| Permanent Highway Account | \$ 229.50 |
| Vermont - Resurfacing (Anticipated) | 458.57 |
| | <hr/> 688.07 |

DISBURSEMENTS:

| | |
|------------------|--------------|
| Hauling Gravel | |
| Avery Duane | 38.25 |
| Barnaby, Forest | 38.25 |
| Kendall, Gile | 45.00 |
| Kennedy, Maurice | 38.25 |
| McCullough, D. | 34.00 |
| Orr, Don | 45.00 |
| Prescott, R. K. | 22.95 |
| Russell, Paul | 38.25 |
| Wheatley, Wayne | 45.00 |
| Whitney, Warren | 38.25 |
| | <hr/> 383.20 |

LABOR:

| | |
|------------------------------------|--------------|
| Coburn, Frank | 36.56 |
| Druge, F. C. | 11.25 |
| Hayes, J. L. | 31.56 |
| | <hr/> 79.37 |
| Shovel and Truck | |
| Brooks, W. J. | 179.55 |
| Transferred to Road Equip. Account | 45.95 |
| | <hr/> 688.07 |

Of this cost the Town will be reimbursed by
the State of Vermont in the amount of \$458.57.

STATE AID AND GAS TAX ROAD WORK

ANALYSIS OF EXPENDITURES

Labor:

| | |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Coburn, Carroll and truck 26 hrs. | \$ 43.90 |
| Coburn, Frank 279 hrs. | 348.75 |
| Druge, F. C. 135 hrs. | 135.00 |
| Eastburn, W. 166 hrs. | 166.00 |
| Hayes, J. L. 278 hrs. | 347.50 |
| Hayes, Leon 38½ hrs. | 38.50 |
| Fixley, Russell and chain saw 13 hrs. | 32.50 |
| Pixley, Sidney 17 hrs. | 17.00 |
| | <hr/> \$ 1,129.15 |

Hauling Gravel:

| | |
|--|-------------------|
| Avey, Duane | 183.60 |
| Brooks, W. I. | 575.40 |
| Kendall, Gile | 288.00 |
| Leighton, C. E. | 44.00 |
| McCullough, D. | 252.00 |
| Orr, Don | 391.00 |
| Prescott, R. K. | 224.20 |
| Towle, E. | 122.40 |
| | <hr/> \$ 2,080.60 |
| Culverts - New England Metal Culvert Co. | 474.75 |
| Maple Planks - John W. Gibson | 7.50 |
| Guard Rail Posts - State of Vermont | 75.00 |
| Moving Bulldozer - Manning & Son | 16.25 |
| Moving Bulldozer - John Powell | 15.00 |
| Drilling & Dynamiting - Wesley Smith | 237.58 |
| Use of Shovel - Town of Pomfret | 287.00 |
| Oil - Hartford Oil Co. | 39.55 |
| Powder & fuses - Vermont Copper Co. | 40.10 |
| Gas and oil - R. Root | 24.03 |
| Tools and supplies - Geo. I. Varney | 15.33 |
| Transferred to Road Equipment Account for use of Equipment. | 858.34 |
| | <hr/> |

Total \$ 5,300.18

The Town will be reimbursed for this cost by the State of Vermont.

TYSON BRIDGE ANALYSIS OF EXPENDITURES

Labor:

| | |
|-----------------------|----------------|
| Bassett Wrighte, Geo. | \$ 6.50 |
| Coburn, Frank | 79.45 |
| | <hr/> \$ 85.95 |

Materials - Lumber:

| | |
|-----------------|--------------|
| Clifford, Wm. | 7.05 |
| Gibson, John W. | 639.38 |
| Perkins, M. C. | 133.92 |
| Perkins, Ralph | 24.12 |
| Titus, Byron | 16.72 |
| | <hr/> 821.19 |

Trucking:

| | |
|-----------------|-------|
| Prescott, R. K. | 55.88 |
| | <hr/> |

Total \$ 953.02

This represents only a portion of the total cost of the bridge.
The difference was paid for by The Vermont Copper Co.

TOWN INTEREST BEARING ORDERS OUTSTANDING JANUARY 1, 1953

| | | |
|----------|-----------------------------------|-------------------|
| 1952 | | |
| Jan. 1 | K1 Newton Fund Trustees | \$ 4,000.00 |
| | K2 Barrett Memorial Hall Trustees | 12,000.00 |
| | K3 Morrill Memorial Library | |
| | Fund Trustees | 4,200.00 |
| Sept. 25 | K59 First National Bank | |
| | of White River Jct. | 5,000.00 |
| | | <hr/> \$25,200.00 |

TOWN ENDOWMENTS

Selectmen, Trustees

| | |
|---|-------------------|
| James S. Morrill Fund (income to be used for Permanent Highway purposes) invested in U. S. Government Bonds | \$ 3,300.00 |
| James S. Morrill Fund (income to be used for Community Building) invested in U. S. Government Bonds | 1,100.00 |
| | <hr/> \$ 4,400.00 |

BACK ROADS ACCOUNT

ANALYSIS OF EXPENDITURES - 1952

Labor:

| | |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Avery, Duane 9 hrs. | \$ 9.00 |
| Coburn, Frank 223 $\frac{3}{4}$ hrs. | 279.69 |
| Druge, F. C., 129 $\frac{3}{4}$ hrs. | 129.75 |
| Eastburn, W., 9 hrs. | 9.00 |
| Hayes, J. L., 219 $\frac{1}{4}$ hrs. | 274.07 |
| Powell, John, Moving Bulldozer | 10.00 |
| Trombley, Alfred 54 hrs. | 54.00 |
| | <hr/> \$ 765.51 |

Gravel, Hauling, Shoveling, Purchase

| | |
|------------------|-------------------|
| Avery, Duane | 399.50 |
| Barnaby, Forest | 120.70 |
| Brooks, W. J. | 1,378.12 |
| Chase, L. H. | 57.80 |
| Coburn, Carroll | 75.60 |
| Heywood, Geo. | 5.10 |
| Johnson, W. O. | 69.30 |
| Kendall, Gile | 389.90 |
| Kennedy, Maurice | 155.65 |
| McCullough, D. | 186.15 |
| Orr, Don | 597.20 |
| Prescott R. K. | 403.75 |
| Russell, Paul | 63.75 |
| Towle, E. | 229.50 |
| Whealtley, Wayne | 153.00 |
| Whitney, Warren | 158.95 |
| Wight, Ted | 3.83 |
| | <hr/> \$ 4,447.80 |

| | |
|---|--------|
| Culverts - New England Metal Culvert Co | 356.47 |
| Bulldozer Parts - Hill, Martin Corp. | 30.95 |
| Equip. Rental - Town of Pomfret | 17.50 |
| Oil - Hartford Oil Co. | 21.89 |
| Fusses & caps - Vermont Copper Co. | 33.36 |
| Gas and oil - R. Root | 20.00 |
| Transferred to Road Equipment Acc't for use of Equipment | 627.27 |

total \$ 6,319.85

TOWN HIGHWAY ACCOUNT
James L. Hayes, Commissioner
REPORT AND ANALYSIS OF EXPENDITURES—1952

Receipts:

| | |
|-------------------------------|-------------|
| Taxpayers — 45c of Grand List | \$ 2,316.57 |
|-------------------------------|-------------|

Disbursements:

Labor:

| | | |
|-----------------------|----|-------------|
| Avery, Duare | \$ | 223.20 |
| Clark, Walter | | 145.80 |
| Eastburn, Walker | | 4.50 |
| Hayes, J. L. | | 1,042.50 |
| Hoyt, Philip | | 27.00 |
| Josler, J. N. | | 23.20 |
| Lent, Harlow | | 23.40 |
| Titus, Byron and team | | 42.00 |
| | | \$ 1,531.60 |

Hauling, Shoveling, Purchase Gravel:

| | |
|---------------|--------|
| Brooks, W. I. | 382.70 |
| Kendall, Gile | 161.70 |
| Ward, Ralph | 10.00 |
| | 554.40 |

Equipment - Hire:

| | |
|-----------------------------|--------|
| Prescott, R.K., Man & truck | 142.00 |
| Bulldozer | 60.00 |
| | 202.00 |

| | |
|--------------------------------|-------|
| Messier, H.F., Man and tractor | 25.00 |
|--------------------------------|-------|

Gas, oil, supplies, labor:

| | |
|------------------------------------|-----------|
| Benjamin, Geo. Labor on truck | \$ 9.50 |
| Prescott, R.K., Gas, oil, supplies | 27.50 |
| Root, R., Gas, oil | 39.99 |
| Tracy's Garage-gas | 8.43 |
| Varney, George I. | |
| gas, oil, supplies | 19.77 |
| | \$ 105.19 |

Cold Patch:

| | |
|-------------------------|-------|
| Blacktop Inc. - 2 loads | 80.40 |
|-------------------------|-------|

| | |
|-------------------------------------|------|
| Dynamite: Vermont Copper Co. 1 case | 8.55 |
|-------------------------------------|------|

| | |
|----------------------------|-------|
| Fuel Oil: Hartford Oil Co. | 62.82 |
|----------------------------|-------|

\$ 2,569.96

\$ -253.39

The excess of Disbursements over Receipts
of \$253.39 was paid by the General Account.

WINTER ROAD ACCOUNT

ANALYSIS OF EXPENDITURES — 1952

Plowing, Sanding, Hauling, Maintenance:

Labor:

| | | |
|------------------------------|-------------|--|
| Avery, Duane and truck | \$ 91.80 | |
| Coburn, Carol and truck | 16.20 | |
| Coburn, Elwin 12 hrs. | 12.00 | |
| Coburn, Frank 139 hrs. | 139.00 | |
| Eastburn, W. | 10.00 | |
| Hayes, J. L., 689½ hrs. | 861.88 | |
| Hayes Leon 4 hrs. | 4.00 | |
| Harrington, Howard 51½ hrs. | 51.50 | |
| Kendall, Gile and truck | 622.01 | |
| Perkins, Ralph 12 hrs. | 12.00 | |
| Prescott, R.K., & Equip. | 290.95 | |
| Stone, Merrill | 15.00 | |
| Ward, Ralph 27 hrs. | 27.00 | |
| Huggett, Geo. move bulldozer | 13.75 | |
| | \$ 2,167.09 | |

Gas, Oil, Grease, Supplies:

| | | |
|------------------|-----------|--|
| Eastman, Garage | \$ 4.10 | |
| Hartford Oil Co. | 81.47 | |
| Hayward, F. R. | 5.14 | |
| Prescott, R. K. | 142.79 | |
| Root, R. | 111.75 | |
| Varney, G. I. | 79.94 | |
| | \$ 425.19 | |

Salt:

| | | |
|-----------------------------|-----------|--|
| Internat'l Salt Co. | \$ 281.25 | |
| Boston & Maine R.R. Freight | 182.25 | |
| Prescott, R.K., Trucking | 31.00 | |
| | \$ 494.50 | |

Repairs, Parts, Labor:

| | | |
|---------------------------|-------------|--|
| Bailey Bros. | \$ 20.66 | |
| Benjamin, Geo. | 45.96 | |
| Cassellini, Venable Corp. | 87.53 | |
| Hathorn's Inc. | 69.45 | |
| Hill Martin Corp. | 557.64 | |
| Irwin Motors, Inc. | 8.73 | |
| Prescott, R. K. | 106.75 | |
| Sherman's Welding Shop | 90.92 | |
| Vermont Copper Co. | 15.75 | |
| | 1,003.39 | |
| | \$ 4,090.17 | |

PERMANENT HIGHWAY ACCOUNT

R. K. Prescott, Commissioner

REPORT AND ANALYSIS OF EXPENDITURES—1952

Receipts:

| | |
|-------------------------------|-------------|
| Unexpended Balance 1951 | \$ 722.05 |
| Taxpayers - 45c on Grand List | 2,316.57 |
| State of Vermont | 1,973.36 |
| U.S. Treas. Morrill Bonds | 82.50 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$ 5,094.48 |

Disbursements:

| | | |
|--------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| State of Vermont | | |
| State aid Patrol | \$ 1,118.70 | |
| Retreating | 602.86 | |
| | <hr/> | \$ 1,721.56 |
| Colonial Sand & Gravel Co.-Sand | | 345.07 |
| Socony Vacuum Oil Co.- Tar | | 1,694.19 |
| Vermont Concrete Pipe Corp. Culverts | | 216.34 |
| Trucking Sand: | | |
| Kendall, Gile | \$ 137.70 | |
| Prescott, R. K. | 213.50 | |
| | <hr/> | \$ 351.20 |
| Labor - J. L. Hayes | | 21.25 |
| Equipment Use | | |
| Prescott, R.K., Bulldozer | \$ 58.25 | |
| Prescott, R.K., Truck | 2.00 | |
| Smith, W., Shovel | 51.50 | |
| | <hr/> | \$ 111.75 |
| Transfer funds to Dublin Corner | | 229.50 |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | \$ 4,690.86 |
| Balance | | \$ 403.62 |

POOR ACCOUNT

ANALYSIS OF EXPENDITURES — 1952

| | | | |
|------------------------------|----|----------|-------------|
| Clothing: | | | |
| Varney, Geo. I. | \$ | 56.48 | |
| Department of Social Welfare | | 677.33 | |
| Fuel and Light: | | | |
| Gould's Oil Service | | 72.13 | |
| Groceries: | | | |
| Roch, R. | | 55.41 | |
| Hospital and Surgical: | | | |
| Barre City Hospital | \$ | 102.70 | |
| Gifford Memo. Hospital | | 1,695.24 | |
| Mary Hitchcock Memorial | | | |
| Hospital | | 163.99 | |
| Vermont State Hospital | | 39.00 | |
| | | <hr/> | 2,000.93 |
| Legal: | | | |
| Constable H.S. Cox | \$ | 7.00 | |
| Probate Court, F.N. Brock | | 8.50 | |
| | | | 15.50 |
| Medical & Dentist: | | | |
| Cusson, Dr. Charles J. | \$ | 93.00 | |
| Dwinell, Dr. S. F. | | 5.00 | |
| Elliott, Dr. W. T. | | 4.00 | |
| Hall's Drug Store | | 25.52 | |
| Hitchcock Clinic | | 65.00 | |
| Huntington, Dr. W.M. | | 15.00 | |
| Merriam, Dr. R. S. | | 25.00 | |
| Putnam, Dr. Wm. F. | | 85.20 | |
| | | <hr/> | 317.72 |
| Rent: | | | |
| Pixley, Russell | | 120.00 | |
| Room and Board: | | | |
| Cameron, Mrs. Wm. J. | \$ | 629.50 | |
| Hayward, Mrs. Jennie M. | | 675.57 | |
| | | <hr/> | 1,305.07 |
| Transportation: | | | |
| Jacobs Taxi Service | | 4.00 | |
| | | <hr/> | \$ 4,624.57 |

ROAD EQUIPMENT ACCOUNT — 1952

Receipts:

| | |
|---------------------------------------|-------------|
| Balance from 1951 | \$ 2,193.48 |
| Transferred from State Aid Road Acc't | 858.34 |
| Transferred from Dublin Corner Acc't | 46.38 |
| Transferred from Back Rcads Acc't | 627.27 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$ 3,725.47 |

Disbursements:

| | |
|------------------------------|-------------|
| Transferred to General Acc't | \$ 2,193.48 |
|------------------------------|-------------|

| | | |
|--|-------------|-------|
| | Balance | <hr/> |
| | \$ 1,531.99 | |
| This balance is included in General Fund Balance | | |

1952 LIBRARY ACCOUNT

Selectmen, Trustees

Receipts:

| | | |
|----------------|-----------|--|
| Balance 1951 | \$ 16.94 | |
| Appropriations | 200.00 | |
| | \$ 216.94 | |

Disbursements:

| | | |
|-----------------------------------|-----------|-------|
| American Girl 4 yrs. | \$ 7.00 | |
| Atlantic Monthly | 5.00 | |
| Doubleday Doran Book Club | 2.30 | |
| Doubleday One Dollar Book Club | 6.24 | |
| Field, Louis H., Book plates | 5.75 | |
| Librarian, Olive M. Lewis | 100.00 | |
| Life | 4.00 | |
| Literary Guild of America | 16.00 | |
| National Survey | 3.50 | |
| National Geographic 2 yrs. | 10.00 | |
| New Hampshire Profiles | 3.50 | |
| Popular Science - 5 yrs. | 13.00 | |
| Readers Digest - 5 yrs. | 10.00 | |
| Thetford Academy | 15.50 | |
| Cosmopolitan 2 yrs \$7.00 | | |
| Ladies Home Journal 3 yrs. \$5.50 | | |
| Open Road for Boys 2 yrs. \$3.00 | | |
| Todays Health Magazine | 1.00 | |
| Vermont Life - 3 yrs. | 3.75 | |
| | \$ 206.54 | |
| Balance | | 10.40 |

COMMUNITY BUILDING ACCOUNT — 1952

| | | |
|--------------------------|----------|------|
| Cash on hand | \$ 51.44 | |
| Interest - Morrill Bonds | 27.50 | |
| | \$ 78.94 | |
| Disbursements: | | None |
| Balance | \$ 78.94 | |

1952 REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC FUNDS

NEWTON FUND

1952

Receipts:

| | | |
|--|-----------|--------------------|
| Check Book Balance Dec. 31, 1951 | \$ 800.02 | |
| Interstate Trust Co. Balance Dec. 31, 1951 | 284.66 | |
| | | <u>\$ 1,084.68</u> |
| Jan. 1 - U. S. Treasury | 37.50 | |
| June 1 - U. S. Treasury | 62.50 | |
| July 1 - U. S. Treasury | 37.50 | |
| Nov. 22 - Scarsdale, N.Y., Int. | 45.00 | |
| Nov. 22 - Interstate Trust Co. Int. | 11.54 | |
| Dec. 1 - U. S. Treasury | 62.50 | |
| Dec. 29 - Town of Strafford Int. | 120.00 | |
| | | <u>376.54</u> |
| | | <u>\$ 1,461.22</u> |

Disbursements:

| | | |
|---|-----------|--------------------|
| Feb. 15 - Town of Strafford - Newton School | \$ 400.00 | |
| Aug. 16 - First Nat'l Bank, Safe Deposit Box | 4.80 | |
| Dec. 15 - Robert H. Ordway Care Newton Lot | 10.00 | |
| | | <u>\$ 414.80</u> |
| Check Book Balance Dec. 31, 1952 | \$ 750.22 | |
| Interstate Trust Co. Balance Dec. 31, 1952 | 296.20 | |
| | | <u>1,046.42</u> |
| | | <u>\$ 1,461.22</u> |

Investments

| | |
|---|--------------------|
| U.S. Government Bonds, 2½% | \$ 8,000.00 |
| Scarsdale, N. Y., School District Bonds 4½% due 1969 | 2,000.00 |
| Town of Strafford, 3% Note | 4,000.00 |
| | <u>\$14,000.00</u> |

Total Investments

WM. B. MOBUS

ROSA TYSON

C. Wm. BERGHORN

Trustees

DOG ACCOUNT

Remember to license your dog ON or BEFORE April 1st.

| | |
|--------------------|-----------|
| 111 dogs at \$2.00 | \$ 222.00 |
| 13 dogs at \$6.00 | 78.00 |
| 3 dogs at \$3.00 | 9.00 |
| 2 dogs at \$1.00 | 2.00 |

| | |
|------------------------|-----------|
| Amount Received | \$ 311.00 |
| 129 fees at 25c | 32.25 |

| | |
|--|-----------|
| Credited to the General Account | \$ 278.75 |
|--|-----------|

Respectfully submitted,

L. IRENE CHANDLER,
Town Clerk

VERMONT DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WELFARE

Montpelier, Vermont

This is our seventeenth annual report to the citizens of the Town of Strafford, on State payments in your municipality of various types of assistance and welfare during 1952.

The total number of recipients in the State has remained stable for two years but expenditures are larger by reason of increases in payments to meet increased costs for food, fuel, rents and services. Funds for the support of these programs were derived from the Federal Government, 63.3 percent, State Government 34.8 percent and Town or City 1.9 percent. Total administrative expenses for the four types of Public Assistance were 4.1 percent.

| | |
|---------------------------|-------------|
| Old Age Assistance | \$ 5,178.00 |
| Aid to the Blind | .00 |
| Aid to Dependent Children | 660.00 |
| Aid to the Disabled | 875.00 |
| Committed Children | 1,243.91 |
| | <hr/> |
| TOTAL | \$ 7,956.91 |

W. ARTHUR SIMPSON
Commissioner

DELINQUENT TAX LIST, JAN. 1, 1953

1946

| | | |
|-----------------|----|-----|
| Manning, Alford | \$ | .56 |
|-----------------|----|-----|

1947

| | | |
|---------------------------|----|-------|
| Manning, Alford | \$ | 6.70 |
| Manning, Alice G. | | 6.70 |
| Manning, Alford and Alice | | 12.29 |
| | \$ | 25.69 |

1948

| | | |
|-------------------|--|-------|
| Moses, Gardner N. | | 59.74 |
|-------------------|--|-------|

1949

| | | |
|----------------------------|----|--------|
| Manning, Alford | \$ | 36.35 |
| Manning, Alice G. | | 8.80 |
| Messier, Jesse J. | | 25.05 |
| Moses, Gardner N. | | 43.36 |
| Stender, William G.'s Est. | | 6.30 |
| | | 119.86 |

1950

| | | |
|----------------------------|----|--------|
| Hosmer, R. E. & M. M. | \$ | 33.80 |
| Hoyt, Philip H. | | 138.54 |
| Kendall, T. R. & B. M. | | 113.59 |
| Manning, Alford D. & A. G. | | 48.18 |
| Moses, Gardner N. | | 62.86 |
| Race, W. R. & A. C. | | 23.49 |
| | | 420.46 |

1951

| | | |
|--|----|--------|
| Bennett, Earl H. | \$ | 9.05 |
| Boardman, Herbert N. | | 6.55 |
| Clark, Betty E. | | 4.21 |
| Dezan, Maurice J. | | 19.55 |
| Ellis, Delmar | | 9.05 |
| Hosmer, Ralph E. & M. M. | | 45.55 |
| Hoyt, P. H., M. C. Colby & E. B. Cummings | | 126.80 |
| Jamieson, Bessie & G. E.'s Est. | | 29.30 |
| Kendall, T. R. & Beda M. | | 169.31 |
| Miner, Frank | | 9.05 |
| Moses, Gardner N. | | 71.55 |
| Race, Wendell R. & A. C. | | 19.55 |
| Shoemaker, S. B. | | 7.16 |
| | | 526.68 |

DELINQUENT TAX LIST — (Continued)

1952

| | | |
|--|-----------|-----------------|
| Andrews, Earl E. & Alice R. | \$ 6.75 | |
| Berghorn, C. W. | 301.55 | |
| Bickford, F. M. | 9.75 | |
| Bickford, Henry N. | 9.75 | |
| Boardman, Herbert N. | 6.75 | |
| Boyce, Henry G. | 14.49 | |
| Boyce, Lois J. | 9.75 | |
| Clark, Betty E. | 9.75 | |
| Dezan, Clara | 9.75 | |
| Dezan, Maurice J. | 29.90 | |
| Donahue, Peter & Delia | 96.87 | |
| Fox, Chas. H. & E. P. | 46.95 | |
| Hosmer, Mabel M. | 9.75 | |
| Hosmer, Ralph E. | 9.75 | |
| Hosmer, Ralph E. & M. M. | 47.62 | |
| Hoyt, Philip H. | 5.08 | |
| Hoyt, P. H., M. C. Colby & E. B. Cummings | 130.70 | |
| Jamieson, Bessie & G. E.'s Est. | 30.20 | |
| Johnson, Grace M. | 9.75 | |
| Kendall, Beda M. | 9.75 | |
| Kendall, Theodore R. | 9.75 | |
| Kendall, Theodore R. & B. M. | 177.27 | |
| Manning, Alford D. & A. G. | 26.85 | |
| Manning, Arvin C. & E. J. | 100.55 | |
| Moses, Gardner N. | 48.63 | |
| Palmer, Stephen B. & E. R. | 13.45 | |
| Pickett, William | 24.99 | |
| Race, Ada C. | 9.75 | |
| Race, Wendell R. | 9.75 | |
| Race, W. R. & A. C. | 26.85 | |
| Shoemaker, S. Brinton | 145.78 | |
| Simcox, William's Est. | 13.45 | |
| Traynor, Philip & Nellie | 40.25 | |
| Tuller, Wendell F. | 9.75 | |
| Waite, Warren C. | 9.75 | |
| | | 1,471.43 |
| GRAND TOTAL | \$ | 2,624.42 |

STRAFFORD FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION INC.

It was voted at the monthly meeting of Strafford Firemen's Assn. Inc. held Jan. 8, 1953 that the Association through its Secretary and Treasurer prepare a report to be included in the Annual Town Report, setting forth the present status of the Association, its accomplishments and present financial standing, together with the future aims and needs of the Fire Department.

At present we have 38 active volunteer fire fighters, and nine associate or nonactive members, with an average attendance of over 17 at our monthly meetings—a very encouraging number, indeed.

At the beginning of our fiscal year we had in the treasury \$81.44; a balance still due on the fire truck of \$350.00, an uncompleted fire house, a new heating plant to buy and install, and fuel and necessary supplies to pay for.

We are proud to report that the fire house is now nearly completed, thanks to much volunteer labor; the mortgage on the fire truck has been burned; a new heating plant has been installed and paid for; and all current bills have been paid to date.

All this was accomplished by the amount voted last Town Meeting, and the efforts of the Association's personnel in promoting dances, turkey supper and raffle, and by donations from friends of the Association.

During the year the selectmen deeded a piece of land to the Association, and Mr. Gale donated another plot of ground approximately 108' x 20', which has been filled and graded, giving ample room for parking and for drying hose.

The fire squad has responded to several emergency calls, with a resulting saving of property, that well justifies every expense incurred.

Looking to the future we still have a long way to go,—more equipment is needed particularly hose and extinguishers, sources of water supply must be considered, if we are to serve with reasonable efficiency; whole-hearted co-operation by every householder is solicited in this last important measure.

A very condensed financial report appears below:

| | |
|---|-----------|
| Cash and Bank balance, as of July 1, 1952, | \$ 314.64 |
| From Previous balance of \$81.44. | |
| \$106.17 from School Dept. for half of fuel bill. | |
| \$127.03 earnings of the Association. | |

FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION INC. — (Continued)

| | | |
|---|----------|-------------|
| From Town of Strafford, | | |
| 19c on G.L. as voted Mar. 4th | | 514.79 |
| From Turkey supper, raffle, and donations | | 410.37 |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | \$ 1,239.80 |
| Expenses: Electricity | \$ 12.00 | |
| Miscellaneous | 11.20 | |
| Miscellaneous equipment | 6.74 | |
| Oil furnace | 312.03 | |
| Supper expenses | 107.93 | |
| Final payment on fire truck | 350.00 | |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| | | 799.90 |

Balance, as of December 31, 1952,

(One half of fiscal year) \$ 439.90

We take this opportunity to thank the people of Strafford for their support in gaining that which we should never be without.

STRAFFORD FIREMEN'S ASS'N, INC.

By Geo. E. Bassingthwaigte, Secretary
Dewey H. Varney, Treasurer.

TOWN AGENT'S REPORT

I respectfully report there is no litigation pending for or against the Town of Strafford as of Dec. 31, 1952.

DELWIN I. PRESTON, Town Agent

HEALTH OFFICER'S REPORT

During the early part of 1952 the Town was unusually free from communicable diseases. Owing to a long period of drouth and hot weather most of the shallow springs and wells became contaminated by intestinal bacteria, thus the water was reported not safe for drinking purposes by the State Laboratory of Hygiene.

At the Newton School chlorination was resorted to; at the Old City School the water was boiled and cooled; at the Miller's Pond School water from a different source, which had been declared wholesome, was used.

After heavy rains and cooler weather tests have shown all of these water supplies free from contamination.

It is quite evident that whenever the water in a shallow spring or well becomes low a thorough cleaning job would prevent much of this condition. All foreign matter should be removed, the walls and strainers washed, and measures taken to see that surface drainage cannot get into the water supply.

Starting late in October we have had a real epidemic of chicken pox, 36 cases having already been reported.

The general condition of our school buildings and equipment is fairly good. However, some attention should be given to the toilets on the primary side of the Newton School. Also, a new water tank or a water supply is definitely indicated at the Old City School.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank the teachers and members of the School Board for their whole-hearted co-operation during the severe water shortage.

GEORGE E. BASSINGTHWAIGHTE

PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING SERVICE

The Vermont Department of Health since July 1, 1951 has offered a program which affords an opportunity for all towns in the state to have some Public Health Nursing Service. Prior to this date certain towns did not share the benefits of this service. The offering of a state-wide public health nursing service has necessitated making it a limited program due to the amounts of funds available for the purpose. The service has been financed entirely by State and Federal Tax Funds. No town contributions are required.

The Health Department nurse works in cooperation with local physicians, nurses, town officials and citizens, helping them to evaluate health facilities already available in the town and to develop plans for meeting any health needs which may be felt to exist. Assistance with the formation of a Health Council may be included if this seems desirable, and she may also help with plans for Civilian Defense.

Assistance with a health program for infants, preschool, and school children is included in the public health nurse's program, and under the supervision of the family physician she may also give services to persons reported to have tuberculosis or venereal disease, since the control of these diseases is delegated by law to the Health Department.

63 visits were made to families and schools.

2 Medical Conferences were held to give an opportunity for children in Grades 1 and 3 and for those under 6 to have physical examinations and immunizations. These conferences were the responsibility of the Parent-Teacher Association and the Health Council assisted by the public health nurse.

115 children were examined by Dr. W. F. Putnam.

67 were vaccinated against smallpox.

21 were given a series of 3 doses of toxoid to protect them against diphtheria, whooping cough and tetanus, and

52 were given diphtheria-tetanus toxoid.
The defect most commonly found was decayed teeth, so it would seem that thought should be given to some type of plan for dental care.

PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING SERVICE — (Continued)

The public health nurse would be glad to know of expectant mothers and mothers of young children who would like to discuss with her the health needs of their families. She would also be glad to help in making plans for the correction of physical defects found at school medical examinations. A card addressed to Miss Lois Jenkins, the present public health nurse, at Woodstock will reach her.

Respectfully submitted,

DOROTHY M. ALLEN, R. N.

Public Health Nursing Supervisor

VITAL STATISTICS — 1952

Marriages

- Jan. 19 — Morton W. Howard, Gouverneur, N. Y., and M. Nellie Sleeper, Strafford, at Strafford.
Feb. 22 — James G. Condict, Strafford, and Marguerite S. Lewis, Strafford, at Strafford.
Mar. 30 — Edward S. Emerson, East Thetford, and Priscilla Davis, Strafford, at Thetford.
Aug. 12 — Thomas L. Jones, Strafford, and Hazel J. Murray, Catskill, N. Y., at Strafford.
Sept. 27 — Sedic L. Erskine, Jr., Strafford, and Mona D. Bingham, Windsor, at Northfield.
Nov. 10 — (a) Earl L. Kill, Stockbridge, and Ruth M. Pixley, Strafford, at Bethel.
Dec. 23 — (b) Alfred John Hall, Strafford, and Phyllis E. Austin, Lyndonville, at East Burke.
(a) Reported from Stockbridge, Vt.
(b) Reported from Lyndonville, Vt.

Births

- Jan. 17 — (d) Barbara Jean, daughter to Henry G. and Lois J. (Erskine) Boyce.
Feb. 13 — (a) Alexander Scott, son to Arcibald J. and Dorothy (Gordon) McDonnell.
Feb. 18 — Evana Mae, daughter to Walter W. and Betty E. (Robins) Clark.
Mar. 11 — (a) Nancy Ann, daughter to Nelson A. and Nina M. (Downing) Lyford.

VITAL STATISTICS — (Continued)

- Mar. 20 — (b) Linda Susan, daughter to H. John and Gail A. (Sibley) Race.
- Mar. 22 — William Francis, son to Alvie H. and Claire J. (Thiodeau) Nelson.
- Apr. 10 — (c) Bruce Earl, son to Leo E. and Pauline B. (Ward) Lands.
- Apr. 11 — (b) Elizabeth Jean, daughter to Burton and Gladys (Farnham) Leonard.
- Apr. 30 — (a) Deborah Jean, daughter to Charles H. and Geraldine A. (Gould) Brown.
- May 10 — (b) Susan Belinda, daughter to Richard W. and Cecelia M. (Giguere) Prescott.
- May 20 — (a) Norma Ann, daughter to Lloyd F. and Isabel A. (Pixley) Spencer.
- June 1 — (b) Donna Lee, daughter to Robert E. and Grace M. (Houghton) Johnson.
- June 4 — (b) Claire Elaine, daughter to Wilbur F. and Mattie E. (Ellsworth) Gushea.
- June 13 — (a) Susan Elizabeth, daughter to Richard W. and Elizabeth (Chapman) Root.
- June 22 — (b) Wayne Edward, son to Rodney W. and Pauline L. (Banker) Fifield.
- July 4 — John Lawrence, son to William J. and Eunice V. (Hosford) Pickett.
- July 22 — (a) Judith Lucille, daughter to H. Gassoway and Barbara A. (Twist) Brown III.
- Aug. 8 — (b) Anita Ellen, daughter to Wendell A. and Madine M. (Flinn) Webb.
- Aug. 26 — (a) Danny Edward, son to Leon H. and Charlotte A. (Wright) Hayes.
- Sept. 26 — (a) Carlton Wayne, son to Wayne E. and Gertrude A. (Jordan) Phelps.
- Oct. 20 — Patricia Ann, daughter to Ralph E. and Mabel M. (Nelson) Hosmer.
- Oct. 21 — (b) David Paul, son to Ernest W. and Helen M. (Manning) Stone.
- Oct. 29 — Carl Richard, son to Carl R. and Marcia A. (Hook) Perkins.
- Nov. 21 — (a) Thomas Winslow, son to Robert W. and Isabell J. (Smith) Bonnett.
- Dec. 1 — (b) Trudy Ann, daughter to Ernest A. and Nathalie R. (Raymond) George.
- Dec. 4 — (b) Brenda Joyce, daughter to Richard C. and Edith A. (Kill) Adolph.

VITAL STATISTICS — (Continued)

Dec. 25 — (b) Dale Allen, son to John F. and Lydia M. (Riley) Demo.

Dec. 25 — (b) Charles Lawrence, son to Charles B. and Maybelle M. (Russell) McCrillis.

(a) Reported from Hanover, N. H.

(b) Reported from Lebanon, N. H.

(c) Reported from Barre, Vt.

(d) Reported from Randolph, Vt.

Deaths

Jan. 16 — Nancy E. Jones, 57 years.

Jan. 29 — Luman A. Judd, 65 years.

Feb. 19 — Evana Mae Clark, 10 hours.

Apr. 5 — (a) Mabel G. Ross, 81 years.

June 15 — (b) Harriet A. Gilman, 81 years.

July 31 — (c) Jethro L. Root, 71 years.

Aug. 27 — (d) Vernon W. Jewett, 45 years.

(a) Died at Brockton, Mass.

(b) Reported from Brattleboro, Vt.

(c) Died at Littleton, Mass.

(d) Reported from Fairlee, Vermont.

**FIGURES PERTAINING TO
TOWN GOVERNMENT
PREPARED BY GOVERNMENT
CLEARING HOUSE UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT AND
STATE AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE**

| | Town Highest in State | Town Lowest in State | Town of Strafford |
|--|-----------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|
| Population 1950 | 33,155 | 49 | 680 |
| Population 1930 | 24,789 | 55 | 615 |
| Percent change population 1930-1950 | 172.56% | -46.91% | 10.56% |
| Percent change in population 1850-1950 | 766.80% | -81.65% | -56.84% |
| Grand List 1950 | \$391,199.24 | 488.68 | 5,049.06 |
| Grand List 1930 | 265,213.12 | 401.29 | 3,815.07 |
| Percent change in Grand List 1930-1950 | 47.50% | 22.77% | 32.34% |
| Grand List 1951 | \$467,210.00 | 542.17 | 5,095.58 |
| Per capita payments made by state to town | | | |
| 1950 | \$247.46 | 7.58 | 69.02 |
| 1930 | 8557 | .21 | 21.25 |
| Total payments made by state to town | | | |
| 1950 | \$395,415.10 | 2,683.19 | 46,935.10 |
| 1930 | 40,762.26 | 619.72 | 13,068.96 |
| Percent of town costs paid by state 1950 | 72.14% | 12.37% | 60.89% |
| 1930 | 68.52% | .55% | 44.02% |
| Tax Rate 1950 | 8.10 | 2.25 | 6.25 |
| 1930 | 5.72 | 1.75 | 4.35 |
| Per Capita Local Taxes Raised 1950 | \$276.98 | 18.86 | 46.42 |
| 1930 | 147.47 | 14.68 | 27.03 |
| Per capita Cost of Government 1950 | \$405.19 | 37.53 | 115.44 |

Annual Report
of the
School Directors
for the
Town School District
of
Strafford, Vermont

TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT

TREASURER'S REPORT — 1952

L. Irene Chandler, Treasurer

Receipts:

| | |
|------------------------------|-------------|
| Unexpended Balance 1951 | \$ 6,268.41 |
| Benjamin, George C. | 20.00 |
| First Nat'l Bank, W. R. Jct. | 11,000.00 |
| Lease Land Rent | 79.22 |
| Montpelier National Bank | 5,000.00 |
| National Life Insurance Co. | 4,500.00 |
| Newton Fund Trustees | 400.00 |
| Old City Community Club | 36.24 |
| State Aid | 11,152.29 |
| Taxpayers | 17,760.36 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$56,216.52 |

Disbursements:

| | |
|------------------|-----------|
| School Directors | 49,230.62 |
| | <hr/> |

Balance \$ 6,985.90

School Interest Bearing Orders Outstanding Jan. 1, 1953

| | |
|--|-------------|
| Franklin County Savings Bank & Trust Co. | \$ 4,000.00 |
|--|-------------|

South Strafford School Building 3% Interest Bearing Orders Outstanding Jan. 1, 1953

| | | |
|---------|--------------------------------|-------------|
| 1946 | | |
| Aug. 16 | David Poor Fund | 600.00 |
| | A. L. or Marguerite R. Sargent | 750.00 |
| | Universalist Church Society | 750.00 |
| | A. J. or Gertrude E. Colby | 750.00 |
| | R. E. or A. C. Robinson | 750.00 |
| Nov. 1 | Grace B. Huntley | 750.00 |
| Dec. 16 | Frank T. or M. B. Coburn | 750.00 |
| | Homer H. Kendall | 750.00 |
| | W. T. or Clara C. Campbell | 750.00 |
| | I. O. or Gladys B. Pixley | 900.00 |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | \$ 7,500.00 |

SCHOOL FUND

ANALYSIS OF DISBURSEMENTS—1952

| | Jan. 1 to June 30, 1952 | July 1 to Dec. 31, 1952 | Total 1952 |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------|
| 1. General Control: | | | |
| Superintendent—Salary | | | |
| Parker, A. C. | \$ 348.96 | \$ 361.20 | \$ 710.16 |
| 2. Instruction and Tuition: | | | |
| Teachers' Salaries: | | | |
| Coburn, Patricia | | 933.36 | 933.36 |
| Hunter, Converse | 1,085.85 | | 1,085.85 |
| Lacross, Rachel | | 933.36 | 933.36 |
| McDuff, Edward | 1,085.85 | | 1,085.85 |
| Johnson, Hattie | 1,031.51 | 866.64 | 1,898.15 |
| Ricker, Mabel | 1,085.85 | 933.36 | 2,019.21 |
| Stone, Helen | 1,085.85 | 977.76 | 2,063.61 |
| Stone, Joyce | 1,085.85 | 888.88 | 1,974.73 |
| Webster, Jean | | 14.00 | 14.00 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| | \$ 6,460.76 | \$ 5,547.36 | \$ 12,008.12 |
| Tuition: | | | |
| Elementary: | | | |
| Tunbridge, Town of | \$ 345.00 | \$ | \$ 345.00 |
| Secondary: | | | |
| Barre City Schools | 88.74 | | 88.74 |
| Hanover, N.H., School Dist. | | 200.00 | 200.00 |
| Hartford, Town of | 200.00 | | 200.00 |
| Lyndon Institute | 92.50 | | 92.50 |
| Royalton, Town of | 600.00 | | 600.00 |
| Stowe High School | 200.00 | | 200.00 |
| Thetford Academy | 2,960.16 | 1,933.43 | 4,893.59 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| | \$ 4,486.40 | \$ 2,133.43 | \$ 6,619.83 |
| Text Books: | | | |
| Bacon Inc., Allyn | \$ | \$ 38.04 | \$ 38.04 |
| Benjamin & Sanborn Co. | | 8.26 | 8.26 |
| Ginn & Co. | | 3.12 | 3.12 |
| Hale Co., E. M. | | 27.69 | 27.69 |
| Hammett & Co., J. L. | 36.24 | 14.95 | 51.19 |
| Heath & Co., D. C. | | 44.48 | 44.48 |
| Houghton, Mifflin Co. | | 6.49 | 6.49 |
| McMillan Co. | | 149.52 | 149.52 |
| Scott, Foresman & Co. | | 13.00 | 13.00 |
| Scribner Sons, Charles | | 11.75 | 11.75 |

SCHOOL FUND — (Continued)

| | | | |
|--------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Silver, Burdett Co. | | 119.94 | 119.94 |
| Singer Co., L. W. | | 4.77 | 4.77 |
| Tuttle Co., Charles E. | | 9.69 | 9.69 |
| | \$ 36.24 | \$ 451.70 | \$ 487.94 |
| Instructional Supplies: | | | |
| American Book Co. | \$ | .25 | .25 |
| American Educator Press | 13.50 | 27.10 | 40.60 |
| Bradley, Milton | 44.50 | | 44.50 |
| California Test Bureau | 10.30 | | 10.30 |
| Educational Supply Co. | | 4.46 | 4.46 |
| Fischer Inc., Carl | | 6.69 | 6.69 |
| Hale, E. M. | .52 | | .52 |
| Hammett & Co., J. L. | 88.00 | 23.15 | 111.15 |
| Hunter, Converse | 4.80 | | 4.80 |
| Lyons & Carnahan | 17.19 | | 17.19 |
| Mathers, George A. | 4.25 | | 4.25 |
| McMillan Co. | 12.09 | | 12.09 |
| Millers Pond School Club | 6.35 | | 6.35 |
| National Survey | 7.92 | 2.75 | 10.67 |
| Office Supply Center | 8.07 | 3.00 | 11.07 |
| Ricker, Mabel | | 7.15 | 7.15 |
| Sanborn & Co., Benj. H. | 1.73 | | 1.73 |
| Silver Burdett Co. | 1.88 | | 1.88 |
| | \$ 221.10 | \$ 74.55 | \$ 295.65 |

3. Operation of Plant:

Janitors — Wages:

| | | |
|------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Bassingthwaighte, Geo. | \$ 2.50 | \$ 2.50 |
| Coburn, Mrs. Carroll | 2.15 | 2.15 |
| Coburn, Stuart | 60.00 | 60.00 |
| Doyle, Alice | | 15.00 |
| Doyle, Bernice | 305.00 | 240.00 |
| Doyle, J. H. | 76.00 | 62.00 |
| Eastman, Blanche | | 12.75 |
| Kendall, Peggy | | 12.75 |
| Kendall, Theodore R. | | 10.00 |
| Lyford, Lawrence | | 48.00 |
| Stevens, Dorothy | | 48.00 |
| Stevens, Eunice | | 12.75 |
| Stevens, Ralph | 5.00 | 5.00 |
| Stevens, Robert | 60.00 | 60.00 |
| | \$ 510.65 | \$ 461.25 |
| | | \$ 971.90 |

SCHOOL FUND — (Continued)

| | | | |
|--|-------------|-----------|-------------|
| Janitors' Supplies: | | | |
| Brick Store | \$ 3.78 | \$ | 3.78 |
| Nelson, Mrs. G. M. | | 2.50 | 2.50 |
| Sears, Roebuck Co. | | 5.14 | 5.14 |
| Varney, Geo. I. | | 110.23 | 110.23 |
| | \$ 3.78 | \$ 117.87 | \$ 121.65 |
| Fuel: | | | |
| Cramer, R. H. | \$ 75.37 | \$ 46.32 | 121.69 |
| Gould's Oil Service | 69.66 | | 69.66 |
| Socony Vacuum Oil Co. | 695.67 | 197.85 | 893.52 |
| | \$ 840.70 | \$ 244.17 | \$ 1,084.87 |
| Light, Power: | | | |
| Central Vermont P. S. Corp. | \$ 136.55 | \$ 70.93 | \$ 207.48 |
| Office Supplies & Miscellaneous: | | | |
| Conklin, Jean, expenses | \$ | \$ 17.00 | \$ 17.00 |
| Gillingham, F. H., Water Cooler | | 5.00 | 5.00 |
| Postage | 18.38 | | 18.38 |
| School Directors Ass'n - dues | | 6.00 | 6.00 |
| Stanford-Binet I.Q. Tests(2) | 10.00 | | 10.00 |
| Vt. Dept. of Institutions order forms | | 1.50 | 1.50 |
| | \$ 28.38 | \$ 29.50 | \$ 57.88 |
| Transportation: | | | |
| Bassingthwaight, Geo. | \$ 280.00 | \$ | \$ 280.00 |
| Josler, Jack | 96.00 | 32.00 | 128.00 |
| Lent, Isabel | 24.00 | 16.00 | 40.00 |
| Moses, Gardner | 72.00 | 24.00 | 96.00 |
| Perkins, Ralph | | 378.00 | 378.00 |
| Prescott, R. K. | 324.00 | | 324.00 |
| Preston, Donovan | 270.00 | | 270.00 |
| Robinson, Annabelle | 24.00 | 8.00 | 32.00 |
| Stone, Ernest | 395.14 | 304.00 | 699.14 |
| Webb, Wendell | 72.00 | 24.00 | 96.00 |
| | \$ 1,557.14 | \$ 786.00 | \$ 2,343.14 |
| Bus Maintenance: | | | |
| Gas, oil, grease, repairs, parts etc. | | | |
| Bassingthwaight, Geo. | \$ 17.00 | \$ | 17.00 |
| Benjamin, George | 94.22 | 7.75 | 101.97 |
| Brick Store | 65.78 | 4.23 | 70.01 |
| Coburn, C. W. | 13.96 | | 13.96 |

SCHOOL FUND — (Continued)

| | | | |
|--------------------|-----------|-----------|-------------|
| Durkee's Garage | 6.65 | | 6.65 |
| Harrington, Howard | | 4.00 | 4.00 |
| Needham, Melvin | 75.00 | | 75.00 |
| Palmer Garage | 8.35 | | 8.35 |
| Perkins, Ralph | | 140.02 | 140.02 |
| Prescott, R. K. | 142.60 | | 142.60 |
| Root, Richard | 46.86 | | 46.86 |
| Sears Roebuck Co. | 7.96 | | 7.96 |
| Summers Garage | 35.41 | | 35.41 |
| Thetford Garage | 54.68 | 2.75 | 57.43 |
| Varney, Geo. I. | | 138.27 | 138.27 |
| Fuel for Garage | 106.17 | | 106.17 |
| Registration | 40.00 | 2.00 | 42.00 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| | \$ 714.64 | \$ 299.02 | \$ 1,013.66 |

4. Plant Maintenance:

Repairs, Labor and Material:

| | | | |
|----------------------------|----------|-----------|-----------|
| Bassingthwaighte, Geo. | \$ 48.78 | \$ | \$ 48.78 |
| Doyle, J. H. | | 5.00 | 5.00 |
| Hood, Leo | | 3.00 | 3.00 |
| Hoyt, Lester | | 20.70 | 20.70 |
| Johnson, Frederick | | 9.00 | 9.00 |
| Kendall Oil Burner Service | | 10.00 | 10.00 |
| Krivak, Frank | | 10.00 | 10.00 |
| Kuehn, H. W. | | 377.92 | 377.92 |
| Prescott, R. K. | 51.15 | | 51.15 |
| Stone, Kenneth | | 7.50 | 7.50 |
| Turner, E. W. | | 9.50 | 9.50 |
| Varney, Geo. I. | | 32.04 | 32.04 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| | \$ 99.93 | \$ 484.66 | \$ 584.59 |

5. Fixed Charges:

Services:

| | | | |
|----------------------------|----------|----------|-----------|
| Conklin, Jean and expenses | \$ 15.00 | \$ 25.00 | \$ 40.00 |
| Kendall, Stanley | 15.00 | 10.00 | 25.00 |
| Stevens, Ralph | 42.00 | | 42.00 |
| Tyson, Rosa and census | | 17.98 | 17.98 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| | \$ 72.00 | \$ 52.98 | \$ 124.98 |

Insurance:

| | | | |
|--|----|---------|---------|
| Colby, Arthur | \$ | \$ 9.50 | \$ 9.50 |
| Farmers Coop. Fire Ins. Co. | | 14.00 | 14.00 |
| Patrons & Farmers Co-op Fire Ins. Co. | | 70.00 | 70.00 |

SCHOOL FUND — (Continued)

| | | | |
|---|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Rural Co-op. Fire Ins. Co. | | 25.25 | 25.25 |
| Sleeper, Milo | 6.40 | 399.40 | 405.80 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| | \$ 6.40 | \$ 518.15 | \$ 524.55 |
| 6. Capital Outlay: | | | |
| Pixley, I. O. — Desk | \$ 12.00 | \$ | \$ 12.00 |
| Stewart Motors Inc. — Bus | | 4,700.00 | 4,700.00 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| | \$ 12.00 | \$ 4,700.00 | \$ 4,712.00 |
| 7. Debt Service: — Loan Reduction: | | | |
| Campbell, W. F. or Clara | \$ 40.00 | \$ | \$ 40.00 |
| Coburn, Frank or M. B. | 40.00 | | 40.00 |
| Colby, A. J. or G. E. | 40.00 | | 40.00 |
| David Poor Fund | 32.00 | | 32.00 |
| First Nat. Bank, W. R. Jct. | 3,000.00 | 8,000.00 | 11,000.00 |
| Huntley, Grace B. | 40.00 | | 40.00 |
| Kendall, H. H. | 40.00 | | 40.00 |
| National Life Insurance Co. | | 500.00 | 500.00 |
| Montpelier Nat'l Bank | | 5,000.00 | 5,000.00 |
| Pixley, I. O. or Gladys | 48.00 | | 48.00 |
| Robinson, R. C. or A. C. | 40.00 | | 40.00 |
| Sargent, A. L. or M. R. | 40.00 | | 40.00 |
| Universalist Church Society | 40.00 | | 40.00 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| | \$ 3,400.00 | \$13,500.00 | \$16,900.00 |
| Interest on Loans: | | | |
| Campbell, W. F. or Clara | \$ 23.70 | \$ — | \$ 23.70 |
| Coburn, Frank or M. B. | 23.70 | — | 23.70 |
| Colby, A. J. or G. E. | 23.70 | — | 23.70 |
| David Poor Fund | 18.96 | — | 18.96 |
| First Nat'l Bank, W. R. Jct. | 30.00 | 76.58 | 106.58 |
| Franklin Cnty. Trust Co. | — | 43.75 | 43.75 |
| Huntley, Grace B. | 23.70 | — | 23.70 |
| Kendall, H. H. | 23.70 | — | 23.70 |
| Montpelier Nat'l Bank | 63.89 | — | 63.89 |
| Pixley, I. O. or Gladys | 28.44 | — | 28.44 |
| Robinson, R. C. or A. C. | 23.70 | — | 23.70 |
| Sargent, A. L. or M. R. | 23.70 | — | 23.70 |
| Universalist Church Society | 23.70 | — | 23.70 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| | \$ 330.89 | \$ 120.33 | \$ 451.22 |
| 8. Health and Medical: | | | |
| Truant officer - H. H. Kendall | 11.00 | — | 11.00 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| | \$19,277.52 | \$29,953.10 | \$49,230.62 |

SUMMARY

SCHOOL FUND DISBURSEMENTS—1952

| | | Jan. 1 to June 30, '52 | July 1 to Dec. 31, '52 | Total 1952 |
|------------------------------------|-------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------|
| 1. General Control: | Total | \$ 348.96 | \$361.20 | \$ 710.16 |
| 2. Instruction and Tuition: | | | | |
| Teachers' Salaries | | \$ 6,460.76 | \$ 5,547.36 | \$12,008.12 |
| Tuition-Elementary | | 345.00 | — | 345.00 |
| Secondary | | 4,141.40 | 2,133.43 | 6,274.83 |
| Text Books | | 36.24 | 451.70 | 487.94 |
| Instructional Supplies | | 221.10 | 74.55 | 295.65 |
| | Total | \$11,204.50 | \$ 8,207.04 | \$19,411.54 |
| 3. Operation of Plant: | | | | |
| Janitors' Wages | | \$ 510.65 | \$461.25 | \$ 971.90 |
| Janitors' Supplies | | 3.78 | 117.87 | 121.65 |
| Fuel | | 840.70 | 244.17 | 1,084.87 |
| Light, Power | | 136.55 | 70.93 | 207.48 |
| Office Supplies & Misc. | | 28.38 | 29.50 | 57.88 |
| Transportation | | 1,557.14 | 786.00 | 2,343.14 |
| Bus Maintenance | | 714.64 | 299.02 | 1,013.66 |
| | Total | \$ 3,791.84 | \$ 2,008.74 | \$ 5,800.58 |
| 4. Maintenance of Plant: | | | | |
| Repairs, Labor & Material | Total | \$ 99.93 | \$ 484.66 | \$ 584.59 |
| 5. Fixed Charges: | | | | |
| Services | | \$ 72.00 | \$ 52.98 | \$ 124.98 |
| Insurance | | 6.40 | 518.15 | 524.55 |
| | Total | \$ 78.40 | \$ 571.13 | \$ 649.53 |
| 6. Capital Outlay: | Total | \$ 12.00 | \$ 4,700.00 | \$ 4,712.00 |
| 7. Debt Service: | | | | |
| Loan Reduction | | \$ 3,400.00 | \$13,500.00 | \$16,900.00 |
| Interest on Loans | | 330.89 | 120.33 | 451.22 |
| | Total | \$ 3,730.89 | \$13,620.23 | \$17,357.22 |
| 8. Health and Medical: | Total | \$ 11.00 | \$ — | \$ 11.00 |
| Grand total | | \$19,277.52 | \$29,953.10 | \$49,230.62 |

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the Board of School Directors and Citizens of Strafford:

This report is for the school year ending June 30, 1952 and is a part of the report of the Board of School Directors required by law.

Two one-teacher schools and the four-teacher village school were each in session for 170 days, the minimum length of school year now required by law. The average number of pupils enrolled was 137, and the average daily attendance was 124.09. Three elementary and thirty-four high school pupils, residents of the town, attended school outside of the district. The average membership for high school pupils was 32.3. The average cost per pupil was, for elementary schools \$178.92, and for high school, \$188.08. Sixty-nine elementary school pupils were transported at an average cost of \$53.43 for the year.

The total number of different elementary school pupils enrolled was 134. One hundred nine were promoted, four were promoted conditionally, ten were not promoted, ten were transferred to other schools, and one dropped out of school. The percentage of attendance for the year was 93.82. The vision and hearing of pupils were tested by the teachers. Standardized achievement tests indicated that the pupils progressed satisfactorily in their school work.

The necessary books, materials of instruction and equipment have been furnished. There are needs, however, that should hold high priority if and when they can be met without imposing undue financial burden upon the town. The seats and desks of all of the pupils in town are of a modern type, adjustable for correct posture, with the exception of about thirty at the Newton school. These should be provided to give equal advantages to all. The concrete steps at this school are in need of extensive repair or replacement to eliminate a dangerous condition. The enrollment at Millers Pond school has increased to twenty-seven. There are so many children in the primary grades here, and they require so much of the teacher's time and attention that conditions favorable to satisfactory learning are extremely difficult to provide. The transportation of pupils of grades seven and eight from this school to the Newton school should be seriously considered.

I am grateful to the school directors, parents, teachers, community organizations and townspeople for their helpful interest and generous support of our school program.

Respectfully submitted,

A. COURTNEY PARKER

Superintendent of Schools

REPORT OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS

We have estimated our costs for operating the schools for the year July 1, 1953 to June 30, 1954 at \$31,710.00, shown in column four in the table "Budget - Classified School Expenditures". This compares with a budget of \$29,541.00 for the current school year as shown in column two of the same table.

We anticipate receiving approximately \$11,200.00 from State Aid which compares with having actually received \$11,152.29 for the current school year. It will then be necessary to raise \$20,510.00 from taxes which will require a tax of \$4.00 on the grand list or an increase of .55 cents over the current year school tax.

In 1952 Town Meeting a .25 additional tax was voted for school purposes. In 1951 Town Meeting a .15 additional tax was voted for school purposes.

Even with a .55 cent increase, this would not include in the budget provision for teachers' salaries above \$2200. The state minimum for a 4 year trained teacher may be \$2500. per year.

No funds have been budgeted for many necessary repairs including front steps at the Newton school; running water in rural schools; back steps at Newton school.

Some of the reasons why it is continually costing more to operate schools:

1. Increasing teachers' salaries: Ours are still low. We budgeted this year for a \$100 increase for each teacher. We may have to pay more in order to maintain a good teaching staff. We feel this is of the utmost importance.

2. In three years High school tuition rates have increased per pupil from \$150 to \$200. The state maximum is \$175.00. Strafford voted to pay \$200 per pupil. Many schools are more than this and some students attending high schools in this area are paying up to \$70 per year additional tuition. It is not likely that we will pay more than \$200 per student. The majority of our high school students attend Thetford Academy where the \$200 covers the tuition.

3. However, the numbers of our high school students are increasing. Next year we have 4 more students planning to attend high school than will graduate.

REPORT OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS — (Continued)

4. In an attempt to hold our good teachers, we this year instituted a 5 day sick leave for each teacher. All surrounding towns had already done this. It means for Strafford, an added \$210 per year. This is added in with teachers' salaries in the budget.

5. Purchase of a new bus. An absolute necessity this year. It was financed through the National Life Insurance Co. at two percent. We now owe \$4000. on this bus—to be paid off \$1,000. per year.

The bus which transports children to Millers Pond School will be in constant need of repair from now on.

Our school is crowded at Millers Pond. We may have to transport all or part of them to South Strafford.

6. Increase in fuel costs and cost of all supplies.

7. Installation of separate water supply for flush toilets at Newton School.

8. Installation of oil burning stove at Pond school.

Respectfully submitted,

W. F. CAMPBELL

RALPH H. PERKINS

ROSA B. TYSON

School Directors.

BUDGET—CLASSIFIED SCHOOL EXPENDITURES

| | Actual for School Yr. | Current Budget | Expend. to date | Proposed Budget |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| | July 1, '51 to June 30, '52 | July 1, '52 to June 30, '53 | June 30, '52 to Dec. 31, '52 | Jul. 1, '53 to June 30, '54 |
| 1. General Control: | | | | |
| Superintendent Total | \$ 697.92 | \$ 760.00 | \$ 361.20 | \$ 760.00 |
| 2. Instruction and Tuition: | | | | |
| Teachers' salaries | \$11,901.40 | \$12,000.00 | \$ 5,547.36 | \$13,500.00 |
| Tuition-Elementary | 690.00 | 500.00 | — | 400.00 |
| Secondary | 6,075.19 | 5,600.00 | 2,133.43 | 8,000.00 |
| Text Books | 187.23 | 350.00 | 451.70 | 400.00 |
| Instructional Supplies | 389.18 | 800.00 | 74.55 | 400.00 |
| Total | \$19,243.00 | \$19,250.00 | \$ 8,207.04 | \$22,700.00 |
| 3. Operation of Plant: | | | | |
| Janitors' Wages | \$ 881.01 | \$ 800.00 | \$ 461.25 | \$ 800.00 |
| Janitors' Supplies | 162.60 | 200.00 | 117.87 | 150.00 |
| Fuel | 1,301.82 | 1,300.00 | 244.17 | 1,200.00 |
| Light & Power | 205.09 | 246.00 | 70.93 | 200.00 |
| Office Supplies & Misc. | 28.38 | — | 29.50 | — |
| Transportation-Wages | 2,536.64 | 3,000.00 | 786.00 | { 3,000.00 |
| Bus Maintenance | 1,180.46 | — | 299.02 | { — |
| Total | \$ 6,296.00 | \$ 5,546.00 | \$ 2,008.74 | \$ 5,350.00 |
| 4. Maintenance of Plant: | | | | |
| Repairs, Labor and Material Total | \$ 1,446.88 | \$ 2,000.00 | \$ 484.66 | \$ 1,000.00 |
| 5. Fixed Charges: | | | | |
| Services, Directors | \$ 81.72 | \$ 85.00 | \$ 52.98 | \$ 100.00 |
| Insurance | 375.12 | 450.00 | 518.15 | 400.00 |
| Total | \$ 456.84 | \$ 535.00 | \$ 571.13 | \$ 500.00 |
| 6. Capital Outlay: Total | \$ 810.34 | \$ 1,000.00 | \$ 4,700.00 | \$1,000.00† |
| 7. Debt Service: | | | | |
| Loan Reduction | \$ 5,400.00 | — | \$13,500.00 | — |
| Interest | 425.89 | 450.00 | 120.33 | 400.00 |
| Total | \$ 5,825.89 | \$ 450.00 | \$13,620.33 | \$ 400.00 |

BUDGET — (Continued)

| | | | | | |
|-------------------------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| 8. Health and Medical: | Total | 17.45 | — | — | |
| | | \$34,794.32 | \$29,541.00 | \$29,953.10 | \$31,710.00 |
| Less Loan Reduction | | 5,400.00 | — | 13,500.00 | — |
| Grand total | | \$29,394.32 | \$29,541.00 | \$16,453.10 | \$31,710.00 |

‡Earmarked for bus payment.

SCHOOL ENROLLMENT—JANUARY 1, 1953

| School | Grades | | | | | | | | | | | | Last | |
|------------------|--------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|------|-----|
| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | Tot. | Yr. |
| Newton | 12 | 16 | 13 | 13 | 13 | 14 | 9 | 7 | | | | | 97 | 102 |
| Old City | 3 | | 4 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 3 | | | | | 18 | 19 |
| Pond | 5 | 4 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 5 | 4 | 2 | | | | | 27 | 24 |
| Tunbridge | | | | 1 | | 1 | | 1 | | | | | 3 | 3 |
| Thetford Academy | | | | | | | | | 9 | 10 | 6 | 4 | 29 | 26 |
| Royalton | | | | | | | | | 1 | | 1 | 2 | 4 | 3 |
| Hanover | | | | | | | | | 1 | | 1 | | 2 | |
| Randolph | | | | | | | | | 1 | | | | 1 | |
| Hartford | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 3 |
| Lyndon Institute | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 1 |
| Stowe | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 1 |
| Totals | 20 | 20 | 20 | 17 | 18 | 23 | 14 | 13 | 12 | 10 | 8 | 6 | 181 | 182 |

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT OF THE AUDITORS

In preparing this year's annual Town Report, your Auditors have again followed the recommendations made by the State Auditor. Taxpayers are reminded, also, that all town records, vouchers, etc., are always open to public inspection.

We again submit the following suggestions for your consideration and action by the appropriate Town Officers at the earliest possible time:

1. That in future Town Reports the time worked, and labor rates for all town employees, as well as quantities of materials purchased or used, be included. For this purpose it will be necessary that all vouchers and bills show this information and data.

2. That a Road Equipment Account be established, as recommended at the 1951 Town Meeting. For such an account it will be necessary to have the value of the equipment, the estimated life of the equipment, and other pertinent data. We further recommend, as suggested by the State Auditor that a separate bank account be established for such a Road Equipment Account.

3. That a Budget Committee be organized to make a special study each year of the Town's financial condition, to recommend the tax rate, and submit a budget of operation for the year, and such report be included in the annual report.

4. A study of the tax lists indicates many instances of apparent inequities. This in no way reflects on the excellent work done by the Listers, but is a condition that always arises over a term of many years. It is therefore recommended that as early as possible, and not later than the 1954 Quadrennial, a re-appraisal of real and personal property valuations be made, and an up-to-date basis of taxation be established. For this purpose, we further recommend the employment of outside experts or consultants.

Respectfully submitted,

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March 1, 1953

Auditors

